

## **WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. Device for removal of cartridges and/or cartridge casings in a drop-barrel weapon, with at least one cartridge ejector axially displaceable in a barrel part for removal of unfired cartridges and an ejector mechanism acting on the cartridge ejector for ejection of spent cartridge casings, comprising the ejector mechanism has a locking pin, displaceable in the cartridge ejector, for releasable locking of the cartridge ejector in the barrel part, and a guide pin arranged in the cartridge ejector that engages on the cartridge ejector via a compression spring arranged in the interior of the cartridge ejector and can be displaced by a tension slide arranged on the barrel part, the locking pin being displaceable via an ejector firing pin operated by a striking pin piece into an advanced position, in which the cartridge ejector is locked relative to the barrel part via a locking mechanism, and the locking pin having a front end pin, via which, during full pivoting of the barrel part, the locking pin is pushed back by the guide pin into its rear position, in which locking of the cartridge ejector is released relative to the barrel part by the locking mechanism.
2. Device according to Claim 1, wherein the locking pin and a guide pin are arranged in a central through-hole of cartridge ejector.
3. Device according to Claim 1, wherein, arranged in a transverse hole of cartridge ejector, the locking mechanism includes a catch ball which is pushed into a recess in the barrel part or into a catch recess of the locking pin, depending on the position of the locking pin.
4. Device according to Claim 1, wherein the ejector firing pin is arranged in a receiving hole in the breech housing, aligned coaxially with the locking pin when the barrel part is closed.
5. Device according to Claim 1, wherein the tension slide is arranged to be movable in a lateral passage on the barrel part.

6. Device according to Claim 1, wherein the tension slide contains a laterally protruding shoulder for engagement in a passage of the cartridge ejector and a cam protruding opposite shoulder for engagement in a lateral recess in the front part of a breech housing.
7. Device according to Claim 1, wherein the compression spring is compressed between a head of the guide pin and an internal stop shoulder of the cartridge ejector.
8. Device according to Claim 1, wherein in a drop-barrel weapon with several barrels, a separate cartridge ejector with an ejector mechanism is provided for each of the barrels.
9. Device according to Claim 8, wherein the cartridge ejectors in a drop-barrel weapon with two barrels lying one above the other, are arranged beneath or above the two barrels or offset to their left or right.